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SUBJECT: ENERGY: EC/ARAB COOPERATION INITIATIVES

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1. WE REVIEWED POINTS MADE IN REFTEL WITH MFA DIR VAN SCHAIK
FEB 26. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS FULLEST EXPOSITION HE HAD YET
HEARD OF US POSITION ON EC/ARAB COOPERATION.

2. VAN SCHAIK NOTED THAT EXPLORATORY EC/ARAB DIALOGUE NOT RULED
OUT BY USG AND EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD BEGIN SOON

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AFTER MAR 4 COUNCIL MEETING. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT SUPPLY

OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE FEATURE OF ANY EVENTUAL ECONOMIC AGREEMENT AND ASSERTED THAT GON, AT LEAST, WOULD RESIST ANY MOVES TO THAT END.

3. VAN SCHAIK SAID HE COULD NOT SEE WHY EC/ARAB CONFERENCE WITH "ARAB MODERATES AND RADICALS IN ONE ROOM" WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE LESS FAVORABLE RESULTS THAN BROADER PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE SINCE ARAB OIL STATES ALONG COVER FULL SPECTRUM OF ARAB LEAGUE POLITICS.

4. COMMENT: FROM RATHER DEFENSIVE REACTION OF VAN SCHAIK TO US POSITION WE JUDGE THAT DUTCH ARE PLANNING TO SUPPORT INITIATION OF EXPLORATORY EC DIALOGUE WITH ARABS LOOKING TOWARD SOME KIND OF SPECIAL EC/ARAB RELATIONSHIP. THEY DOUBTLESS HOPE THAT BY OPENLY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES WITH EC INITIATIVE THEY WILL HAVE SOME HOPE OF GETTING OAPEC BOYCOTT REMOVED. AT SAME TIME WE THINK DUTCH WILL BE AMONG THOSE IN EC WHO WILL SEEK TO PREVENT EC/ARAB TALKS FROM CAUSING DAMAGE TO GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS AND WORK OF ENERGY CG. GOULD

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